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CITY OF VICTORIA | Legislative Services

Restricting Cats, Dogs, and Rabbits

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE | FEBRUARY 3, 2022



Background

- Council direction – March 15, 2018
- Victoria has authority to regulate businesses and animals
- SPCA encourages municipalities to implement a ban
- Ban in effect in many BC municipalities, but not in the CRD



Scope of Recommendation

- Prohibit sale of cats, dogs, and rabbits by retail stores
- Does not restrict sale by animal rescue societies and animal shelter organizations
- Allows retail stores to provide adoption spaces
- Does not apply to private sellers not in a storefront premises



Implications of Recommendation

- Does not impact any retail store
- Could prevent abandoned/surrendered pets and other matters that impact municipal resources
- Does not apply to assistance animals